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Christianity & Country & Civilization

We see a lot of serious problems in our country, so let's seek out the solutions and what is needed. Let's listen to and learn from those who lived awhile ago who learned many lessons through their personal experiences. "We know, and what is better, we feel inwardly, that religion (Christianity) is the basis of civil society, and the source of all good, and of all comfort." - Burke, 'Reflections on the Revolution in France'

"Human happiness has no perfect security but freedom; freedom, none but virtue; virtue none but knowledge; and neither freedom, nor virtue, nor knowledge has any vigor, or immortal hope, except in the principles of the Christian faith, and in the sanctities of the Christian religion." - Josiah Quincy (1830)

God's Remedy

"Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34;

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD (Jesus Christ)", Psalm 33:12;

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world ...", Isaiah 34:1;

GOD Accepts
Something Less

"Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth." – Job 11:6

"God accepts something else, something less, in the place of that we owe Him. We owe Him perfect obedience; He accepts the wish and effort to obey. We owe Him all

we are and have; He accepts a portion of our time, substance, and energies. We owe Him our complete ruin, for 'the soul that sinneth, it shall die'

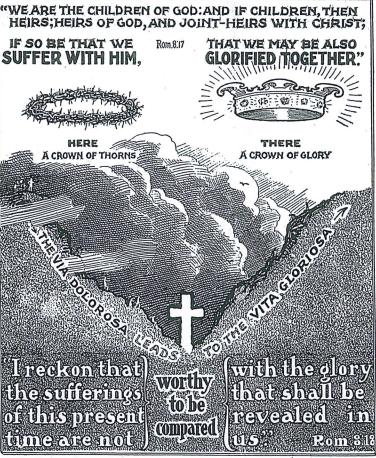
(Ezekiel 18:4 c).; but He says
'Let the wicked forsake his way, and
the unrighteous man his thoughts,
and let him return unto the LORD,
and he will have mercy upon him;
... for he will abundantly pardon.",
(Isaiah 55:7)

In the Person and Sacrifice of Christ, substitution reaches its fulfillment.
But it was *not* something less when He stood for the human race: it was infinitely *more!* A perfect Son for rebellious children; a spotless Sacrifice for a sinful world.

Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift.' (II Corinthians 9:5)." - copied

"Cesar Geronimo, a professional baseball outfielder, just happened to be the 3,000 th strikeout victim for both Bob Gibson and Nolan Ryan. When asked about it he said, 'I quess I was just in the right place

at the right time.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Services, 10:30, 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Wednesdays - Adult & Teen Bible Studies & Kids' Bible Club -7:00 pm

- Quotes

"FALSE DOCTRINES are taught by likeable people with pleasant smiles." "He who won't be helped can't be helped."

"If you want to be successful, notice what poor people do and don't do it."

"Wishes won't wash dishes."

"You can never conquer sin with an excuse."
"Not everyone is tempted by the same sin."

"SOCIALISM makes rich people poorer; CAPITALISM makes poor people richer."

"We're living in a country of willful spiritual ignorance." (II Peter 3:5) "Everyone who is born into the world

"Everyone who is born into the world now bears the image of the devil in pride and self-will."

"Not to believe in God is to be condemned to a senseless universe."



"These words come from Him who can make no mistake, and Who can have no wish to deceive His creatures.

If I did not believe in the infallibility of the Book, I would rather be without it. If I am to judge the Book, it is no judge of me."-copied

The Bible never gives unrenewed human nature a good word, nor does it deserve it.

"I am perfectly satisfied myself to believe what He writes to me; and if it be so written in His Book, it seems to me to be quite as true and sure as if He had actually come from heaven, and had talked with me, or had appeared to me in the visions of the night. "

"Oh, to have 'the word of Christ' always dwelling inside of us; in the memory, never forgotten; in the heart, always loved; in the understanding, really grasped; with all the powers and passions of the mind fully submitted to its control!"

He hates God, indeed, who hates him so much that he will even dwell for ever in hell fire sooner than be forgiven by him and saved through the blood of his Son. Man shows his deadly enmity against God to the fullest extent when he will destroy himself to indulge it. C.H.S.

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" Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" - Psalm 31:19

ONLY TWO WAYS

"This parable — Matthew 7:13,14; Luke 13:24 —
"for wide is the gate, and broad is the way,
that leadeth to destruction ... strait is the gate,
and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life."
— emphasizes the truth that there 'are but
two ways, right and wrong, good and evil:
the way to heaven, and the way to hell ...
saints and sinners, godly and ungodly.'
(Matthew Henry)

The world wants many ways in the matter of character. But there are only two ways or two categories for the souls of men.

And the truths emphasized in this parable ... about the two ways 'are fearful truths!' they ought to raise great searchings of heart in the minds of all who hear them – 'Which way am I going?

By what road am I traveling? "

— John G. Butler, 'JESUS CHRIST; His Parables'

'Self' – Like a Mirror "The Bible doesn't give a definition for self, but it does tell us some things about self. Jesus said, 'If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me' (Luke 9:23). Self, independent of God, must be denied. That includes my will and everything that I am. ... We're like a mirror. A mirror has one purpose: to reflect a reality other than its own. What would you think of a mirror that tried to develop a good self-image?

THIS & THAT
From HERE & THERE

Fake News

"According to a recent study, a majority of Americans think fake news is a bigger problem then terrorism." - copied

'In God We <u>Trust'</u>

" 'In God We Trust'
was on American
coins in 1855, and
was put on paper
money in 1955."

Abortion

"The leading cause of death in 2018 around the world was abortions, - 42 million.

- copied, 'LifeNews', Christian Headlines, 1/2/19

Fighter Jet

"How fast is an F-16 fighter jet? Fast enough to run into its own rounds. A Royal Netherlands Air Force F-16 flew into rounds fired from the airplanes own cannon during a training mission." - copied

"used to be" Christians

John 8:31, "The said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye <u>continue</u> in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;"

This verse clearly teaches that one of the marks of a truly saved individual and 'Christian' is that they continue in the faith. Sincere Christianity is not only a one-time 'work' or experience that happened in the past. Unless these times and experiences lead afterwards to a continuing Christian walk and life,

it was a deceitful and false experience.

It was an experience that ended with nothing lasting!
A segment of people who need to be tested by 'continuing' or not 'continuing', are a large number who 'used to be' Christians.
By this I mean people who used to read the Bible, attended and served at a local church, maybe even gave out tracts, personally witnessed to the lost, gave tithes and offerings, lived a separated life for Christ, etc. But what happened?

Many people fall in this number; it makes you wonder, why? What about these kind of people? When confronted about it excuses begin and they talk about what they used to do. They might feel a tinge of guilt or remorse, but it is usually not enough to get them to repent and return to serving the Lord. Their 'faith' has deteriorated, at best, to an intellectual 'Christianity' that agrees with God's truth but does not motivate them to any kind of obedience or faithfulness. The serious question

they should ask themselves is are they really saved?

(II Corinthians 13:5, Matthew 13:20-21)

Do they really have the Spirit of God? Can a real Christian stop serving the Lord and go away and stay away?

'No' save James 2:17:20:26 "faith without works is dead"

'No', says James 2:17,20,26, "faith without works is dead". 'Indeed' (John 8:31) means you can tell the real from the false by their current lifestyle.

Don't they miss going to church on the Lord's Day? Many don't have a church where they might attend or visit, even on Christmas or 'Easter'! In fact, they have probably been away from church for more years than when they were originally attending a church.

What is worse is that they clearly know what they should do, but they still don't. What else is that but an admission and evidence of guilty disobedience and willful rebellion. They are deceived with a false assurance because they 'believe' all 'that', but there's no 'works' that show that they've been 'born again' (II Corinthians 5:17, Luke 6:46).

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of Jesus as the Holy Spirit empowers us." - copied

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Their fictional faith, spiritual complacency and unconcern should cause doubts and fears in them concerning their own empty spiritual condition. There's also a lack of a fear of God and a willful neglect of serving the Lord. They are trusting in a 'Christian faith' that they left years ago. Old convictions are neglected; spiritual faithfulness is a thing of the past; But Jesus Christ is worthy of our obedience, love and time! The born again Christian loves the true God supremely and desires that the divine glory may be promoted in him and by him. They need to look into a mirror and ask themselves what's wrong with this picture? Why is there no separation from the world? No growth in personal holiness? No chastening from the Lord? No sanctification? No getting out of bed on Sunday mornings for a greater cause and purpose for their lives? Now, let's get personal - how about YOU?

Are you one of these? If so, what will you do about it?

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